

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to delete the multiple dependencies of claims 3, 5-7, 9 and 11, thereby placing such claims in condition for examination and reducing the required PTO filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Harald SITTER

By 

Michael S. Huppert
Registration No. 40,268
Attorney for Applicants

MSH/kjf
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021
Telephone (202) 721-8200
Facsimile (202) 721-8250
October 24, 2003